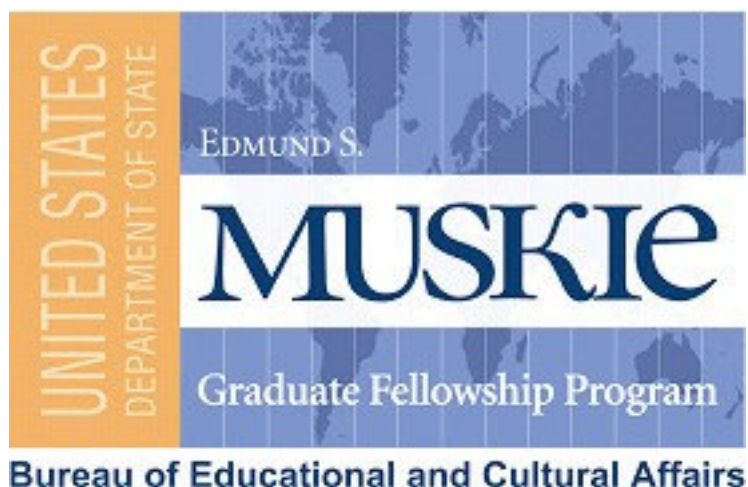


# APPLICATION

## 2010 EDMUND S. MUSKIE GRADUATE FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM



The Edmund S. Muskie Graduate Fellowship Program is a program of the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, US Department of State providing opportunities for Master's level study in the United States. In addition to course work, fellows perform community service projects and conduct internships.

The competition is open to citizens of Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Russia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, and Uzbekistan.

**APPLICATION DEADLINE:**  
**5:00 pm, Monday, November 2, 2009**



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### ***A PROGRAM OF THE BUREAU OF EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS OF THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE***

Thank you for your interest in the Edmund S. Muskie Graduate Fellowship Program.

For more than half a century, the United States has supported international educational and cultural exchange programs as an investment in global understanding and peace. Such exchange programs have a long track record of bringing future leaders from around the world to the United States.

Established by the U.S. Congress in 1992 to support democracy and economic development in Eurasia, the Muskie Program provides opportunities for outstanding professionals to study for advanced degrees in the United States. Over the past seventeen years, more than 4,000 men and women have studied in 11 academic fields at over 200 U.S. universities. At the end of their academic component upon return home, fellows are also eligible to take part in alumni activities that further promote the goals of the Muskie Program.

The Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs of the U.S. Department of State is responsible for the management and oversight of the Muskie Program. Underlying the role of exchanges in U.S. foreign policy is the belief that mutual understanding is of vital importance in an increasingly interdependent world and that person-to-person exchange and training is the most effective way to promote mutual understanding. International exchanges enhance the effectiveness of the United States in dealing with other nations, and the exchange of persons and ideas is essential to the promotion of democracy, economic prosperity, international cooperation, peace and security around the world.

The Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs has awarded IREX a cooperative agreement to conduct a merit-based competition to recruit, select, place and support fellows throughout the academic components of the program.



IREX is an international nonprofit organization providing leadership and innovative programs to improve the quality of education, strengthen independent media, and foster pluralistic civil society development.